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To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Organizations

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Subject: Child and Adult Care Food Program Minimum Nutrition Standards

The Arizona Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program promotes nutritious meals served to participants while in care. Institutions who participate on CACFP ensure no more than two high sugar/high fat items are served not more frequently twice per week. High sugar/high fat items may be used only during breakfast or snack. (High fat meats and vegetables may be used during lunch and supper.) High sugar/high fat products include, but are not limited to:

Muffins	Brownies	Cookies	Toaster pastry	Donuts
Pudding	Gelatin with fruit	Pop tarts	Cookies	Granola bars
Danish	Cinnamon rolls	Custard	Cake	Quick breads
Chocolate milk	Flavored milk	Animal crackers	Vanilla wafers	Graham crackers
Syrup	Honey	Jelly	Jam	Rice Crispy bar
Added sugar to	High sugar	Dipping sauces	Processed lunch	French fries
breakfast cereal	breakfast cereals	(Ranch dressing)	meats	
Sausage	Tater tots	Salami/pepperoni	Hot dogs	Corn dogs

Even though many items identified above are not reimbursable, such items frequently appear on menus. CACFP encourages the use of seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain products and high quality proteins.

To facilitate the provision of quality meals to enrolled children and adults while in care, as of October 1, 2005, all CACFP institutions are required to use a minimum of 50% of the CACFP reimbursement on food. Institutions submitting a CACFP renewal application in October will include a budget for fiscal year 2006. All budgets submitted for FY 2006 must demonstrate that no less than 50% of anticipated reimbursement will be applied to food purchases.

Please feel free to contact your assigned specialist or the Health and Nutrition Office at 602.542.8700 if you have questions.